

Xylazine/Talazoline

Motion: Xylazine should be added to 205.603 synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production with the following restrictions: For emergency medical use. To be administered by a licensed practitioner. Once in an animal's lifetime. Withhold time shall be double the FDA requirements.

Talazoline should be added to 205.603 synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production with the following restrictions: To counteract the effects of Xylazine. To be administered by a licensed practitioner. Once in an animal's lifetime. Withhold time shall be double the FDA requirements.

Vote tallies

Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Michael, George Dave			Jim, Nancy, Becky

- All agree that it is a SYNTHETIC

Background:

- Xylazine a.k.a. Rompun is a sedative with analgesic properties. Essential for safe, humane surgeries on animals.
- Talazoline is the antidote to xylazine used to wake an animal up again.
- Effective on most livestock except poultry.
- xylazine is 120 hours milk and 3 days meat
- FDA withhold for Talazoline is 72 hours milk and 3 days meat

Summary of Opinion:

- There is a clear need for a sedative in the community.
- Sedative use is important for humans as well as animals.
- Double withhold is justified for the following reasons:
 - 1) Allows use of the material without causing undue hardship on organic producers;
 - 2) Consistent with requirements of European Union and Codex;
 - 3) Consistent with NOP requirement for pesticide residue tolerance of 5% of EPA tolerance;
 - 4) Consistent with stricter standards for use of raw manure for organic production; and
 - 5) Consistent with consumer perceptions of organic products.